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The Honorable Frank A. LoBiondo  
2427 Rayburn House Office Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

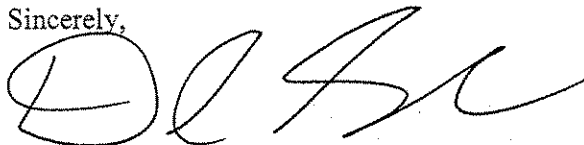
Dear Rep. LoBiondo:

On behalf of The Conservation Fund, I am writing to respectfully request your continued leadership in support of federal appropriations for the Supawna National Wildlife Refuge land acquisition program in the FY 2010 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

The Conservation Fund (TCF) requests a \$1.0 million appropriation from the Land and Water Conservation Fund in the FY 2010 appropriations process to enable the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to help acquire an approximately 80 acre tract of land located within the boundary of the Supawna NWR in Salem County. TCF has entered into a contract with the landowner to acquire the property with a goal to include the property in the refuge to help conserve fish, wildlife and plant habitat, improve water quality in Mill Creek and the Salem River, provide for habitat restoration and expand recreational opportunities for the public.

Per your direction, we have attached an appropriations request form that we submitted to Senators Lautenberg and Menendez for their consideration. If the FY 2010 funds are approved, they would complement state funds and the \$1.5 million that you helped secure in the FY 2009 appropriations bill. We look forward to working with you to complete the project and would be pleased to provide additional information to your office.

Sincerely,



Daniel Sakura

Vice President for Government Relations and Director of Real Estate

Attachment

